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Demographic & Economic Information for

Big Horn County



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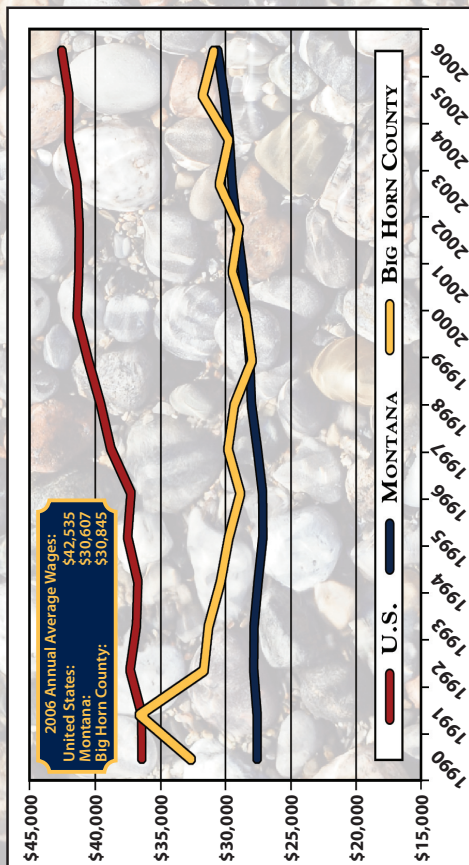
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Annual Average Labor Force - Big Horn County

Year	Civilian Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Unemployment Rate
2006	5,117	4,803	314	6.1%
2005	5,171	4,750	421	8.1%
2004	4,984	4,558	426	8.5%
2003	4,872	4,339	533	10.9%
2002	4,903	4,374	529	10.8%
2001	5,157	4,553	604	11.7%
2000	5,443	4,933	510	9.4%

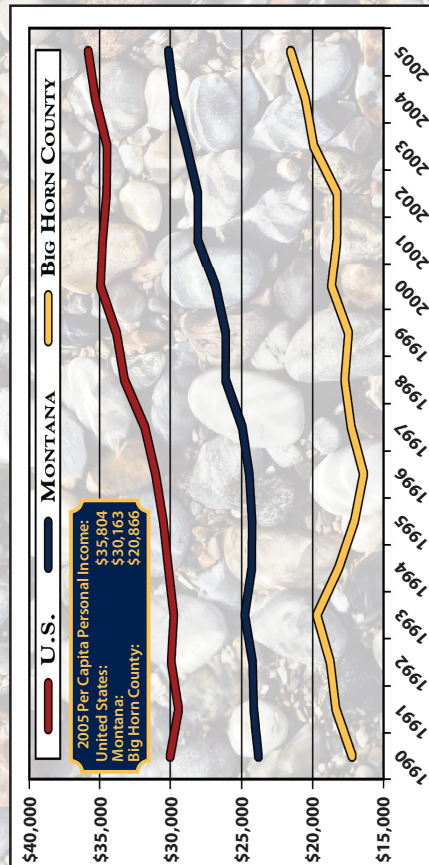
Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Local Area Unemployment Statistics Program (LAUS)

Annual Average Wages, 1990 to 2006 (In 2006 Dollars)



Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages Program (QCEW)

Per Capita Personal Income, 1990 to 2005 (In 2006 Dollars)



Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis, U.S. Department of Commerce, Regional Economic Information System

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BIG HORN COUNTY

Big Horn County is Montana's fourteenth most populous county, with an estimated 13,035 residents as of July 1st, 2006. Hardin, the county seat, is the state's 22nd largest city, with a population estimated at 3,514 in 2006.¹ Other cities and towns in Big Horn County include Busby, Crow Agency, Fort Smith, Garryowen, Lodge Grass, Pryor, St. Xavier, and Wyola. The majority of Big Horn County lies within the Crow and Northern Cheyenne Indian Reservations.

Coal Mining and Agriculture both play major roles in Big Horn County's economy. Farms and ranches in the county produce mainly beef cattle, sugar beets, alfalfa, and small grains.²

Big Horn County is the location of the famous Little Big Horn Battlefield National Monument, and the annual "Custer's Last Stand Reenactment," which draws Montanans and out-of-state visitors to witness the tale of the Battle of the Little Bighorn told from the Indian perspective. Big Horn County also boasts the Big Horn Canyon National Recreation Area, which is known for its world class trout fishing.

¹U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates Program

²MSU Extension in Big Horn County, <http://extn.msu.montana.edu/counties/bighorn.htm>

Resources for Big Horn County

Chamber of Commerce

Hardin Area Chamber of Commerce
10 East Railway
Hardin, MT 59034
(406) 665-1672

www.hardinmt.com/chamberdc.html

Economic Development

City of Hardin Economic
Development Office
Phone: (406) 665-9269
E-mail: edo@hardinmt.com

Job Service Workforce Center

Billings Job Service Workforce Center
2121-B Rosebud Drive
Billings, MT 59102
Phone: 406-652-3080
Fax: 406-652-0444

E-mail billingsjsc@mt.gov
www.wsd.dli.mt.gov/local/billings

Employment by Industry - Annual Averages 2006 (continued)

Industry	Number of Establishments	Average Annual Employment	Annual Wages Per Job
Pipeline transportation	1	*	*
Support activities for transportation	3	*	*
INFORMATION	6	34	\$11,073
Publishing industries, except Internet	2	*	*
Motion picture, sound recording industry	1	*	*
Telecommunications	3	*	*
FINANCE AND INSURANCE	9	82	\$31,496
Credit intermediation & related activity	3	59	\$34,181
Insurance carriers & related activities	6	23	\$24,573
REAL ESTATE AND RENTAL AND LEASING	5	12	\$14,276
PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL SERVICES	23	72	\$30,559
ADMINISTRATIVE AND WASTE SERVICES	5	6	\$11,792
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES	5	*	*
HEALTH CARE AND SOCIAL ASSISTANCE	11	221	\$24,010
Ambulatory health care services	4	15	\$20,649
Hospitals	1	*	*
Nursing and residential care facilities	1	*	*
Social assistance	5	24	\$18,144
ARTS, ENTERTAINMENT, AND RECREATION	12	115	\$16,402
Museums, historical sites, zoos, & parks	2	*	*
Amusements, gambling, and recreation	10	*	*
ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD SERVICES	27	286	\$10,493
Accommodation	11	67	\$12,992
Food services and drinking places	17	219	\$9,730
OTHER SERVICES	20	45	\$20,391
Repair and maintenance	6	15	\$28,027
Personal and laundry services	5	*	*
Membership associations & organizations	7	16	\$13,005
Private households	2	*	*
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	41	2,245	\$29,823
Local Government	16	1,716	\$23,960
State Government	7	54	\$31,085
Federal Government	18	475	\$50,856

The QCEW program compiles data reported by all employers covered under Montana unemployment insurance. (Totals may not add due to nondisclosure of confidential industry data or to rounding.)

Employment by Industry - Annual Averages 2006

Industry	Number of Establishments	Average Annual Employment	Annual Wages Per Job
TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES	284	4,374	\$30,843
TOTAL PRIVATE	244	2,129	\$31,918
AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, FISHING & HUNTING	16	72	\$22,599
Crop production	6	34	\$18,458
Animal production	7	28	\$27,049
Agriculture & forestry support	3	11	\$23,769
MINING	9	481	\$66,699
Oil and gas extraction	2	*	*
Mining, except oil and gas	4	325	\$69,595
Support activities for mining	3	*	*
UTILITIES	3	*	*
CONSTRUCTION	29	140	\$44,404
Construction of buildings	6	*	*
Heavy and civil engineering construction	5	*	*
Specialty trade contractors	18	85	\$36,534
MANUFACTURING	4	18	\$28,839
Apparel manufacturing	1	*	*
Chemical manufacturing	1	*	*
Nonmetallic mineral product mfg	2	*	*
WHOLESALE TRADE	7	73	\$26,546
RETAIL TRADE	37	312	\$15,099
Motor vehicle and parts dealers	4	45	\$24,744
Electronics and appliance stores	1	*	*
Building material & garden supply stores	4	18	\$14,092
Food and beverage stores	5	*	*
Gasoline stations	8	74	\$12,478
Clothing and clothing accessories stores	1	*	*
Sporting good, hobby, book, music stores	3	13	\$14,743
General merchandise stores	2	*	*
Miscellaneous store retailers	7	48	\$9,766
Nonstore retailers	1	*	*
TRANSPORTATION AND WAREHOUSING	15	63	\$19,488
Truck transportation	9	15	\$25,401
Transit and ground passenger transport	2	*	*

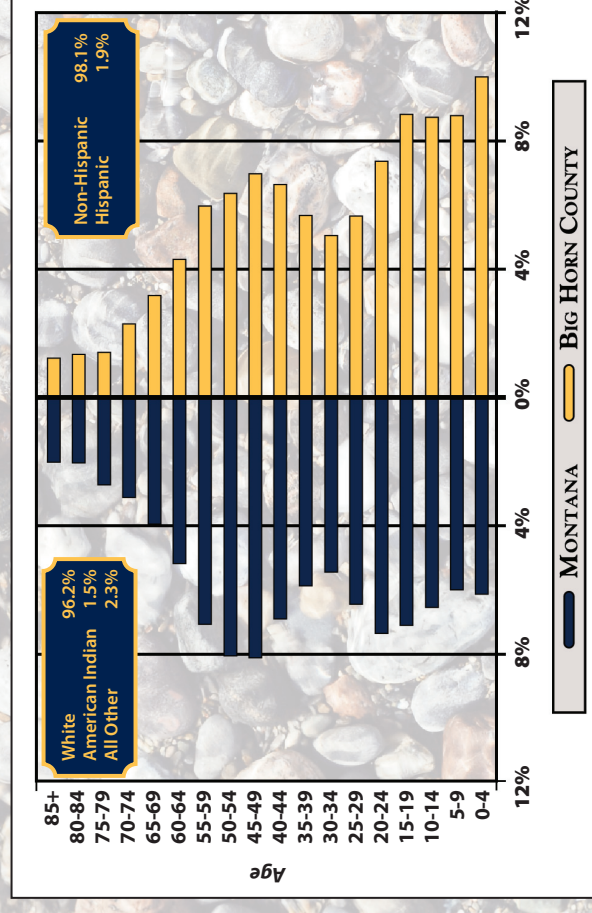
Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages Program (QCEW)
* Data Not Disclosable

Population for Big Horn County & Related Areas

Geography	% Change 2000-2006	Population Estimates								Census
		July 1, 2006	July 1, 2005	July 1, 2004	July 1, 2003	July 1, 2002	July 1, 2001	July 1, 2000	April 1, 2000	
Big Horn County	2.9%	13,035	13,076	13,076	12,897	12,829	12,817	12,675	12,671	
Hardin city	3.8%	3,514	3,513	3,503	3,446	3,420	3,417	3,385	3,384	
Lodge Grass town	1.4%	517	519	523	517	515	515	510	510	
Balance of Big Horn County	2.6%	9,004	9,044	9,050	8,934	8,894	8,885	8,780	8,777	

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates Program

Distribution of Population by Age Montana and Big Horn County, 2006



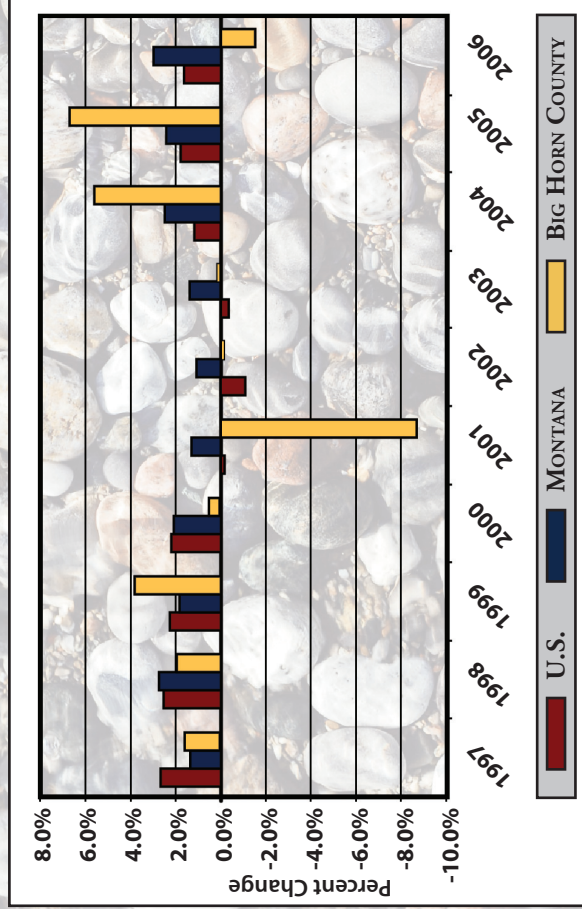
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2006 Population Estimates

Highest Level of Educational Attainment (Population 25 years and older)

Educational Attainment	Big Horn County	Montana	U.S.
Less than High School Diploma	23.6%	12.8%	19.6%
High School Diploma (or equivalent)	30.2%	31.3%	28.6%
Some College	26.1%	25.6%	21.0%
Associate Degree	5.8%	5.9%	6.3%
Bachelor's Degree	10.1%	17.2%	15.5%
Master's Degree	2.7%	4.6%	5.9%
Professional Degree	0.9%	1.7%	2.0%
Doctoral Degree	0.7%	0.9%	1.0%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000

Percent Change in Employment: 1997 to 2006 U.S., Montana, and Big Horn County



Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages Program (QCEW)

Top 10 Private Employers in Big Horn County (Based on 2nd Quarter 2007 Data - Listed in Alphabetical Order)

Business Name	Size Class	Business Name	Size Class
Awe Kualawaache Care Center	4	Heritage Acres Nursing Home	5
Big Horn County Memorial Hospital	5	Kennecott Energy Co. Spring Creek Mine	6
Big Horn IGA	5	Little Horn State Bank	4
Decker Coal Company	6	McDonald's	5
Home Care Services	4	Westmoreland Resources Inc	6

Employment Size Class Coding: Class 9 = 1000+ employees, Class 8 = 500 to 999 employees, Class 7 = 250 to 499 employees, Class 6 = 100 to 249 employees, Class 5 = 50 to 99 employees, Class 4 = 20 to 49 employees, Class 3 = 10 to 19 employees

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages Program (QCEW) This list includes ONLY private industry employers subject to unemployment insurance. Railroads and government agencies are excluded.

Agricultural Statistics - Big Horn County

Farms	
Farms: (number)	584
Land in farms (acres)	2,811,337
Average size of farms (acres)	4,814
Farms by size: (number)	
Less than 1,000 acres	317
1,000 acres or more	267
Farms by value of products sold and government payments received: (number)	
Less than \$100,000	426
\$100,000 or more	158
Farms by type of organization: (number)	
Family, Individual, Partnership	525
Corporation, Cooperative, Trust	59
Livestock Inventory and Crops Harvested	

Livestock and Poultry Inventory (number)	
Cattle and calves	87,736
Hogs and pigs	(D)
Sheep and lambs	1,519
Horses and ponies	4,081
Bison	2,149
Chickens (layers and broilers)	(D)
Crops Harvested (acres)	
Corn for grain	327
Corn for silage or greenchop	3,158
Wheat for grain, All	85,192
Winter wheat for grain	64,683
Durum wheat for grain	0
Spring wheat for grain	20,509
Barley for grain	12,641
Oats for grain	568
Sunflower seed, All	0
Soybeans for beans	(D)
Hay, haylage, grass silage	59,136

Operator Demographics	
Primary occupation: (number)	
Farming	392
Other	192
Place of residence: (number)	
On farm operated	463
Not on farm operated	121
Years on present farm: (number)	
Less than 10 years	147
10 years or more	437
Age group: (number)	
Under 55 years	303
55 years and over	281
Average age of operators: (number)	54.2

Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture, National Agricultural Statistics Service, 2002
(D) - Not Disclosable